

BOARD OF ASSESSORS
May 30, 2012
BEDFORD TOWN HALL

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Bruce Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the second floor conference room.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Chairman Bruce Murphy, Clerk John Linz, member Ron Cordes, and Associate Assessor Bruce Morgan.

GUESTS: None

MINUTES: No minutes were available for review.

BUSINESS: 1. Bruce Morgan gave a job search update: Eight applications have been received. The Board asked whether the salary range is competitive with nearby towns, which Bruce Morgan will research.

2. Appellate Tax Board update: Bruce Morgan gave the tax rep for 39 Crosby Drive the offer agreed upon last week. The tax rep for 1 and 3 Oak Park Drive will attend the meeting on 6 June to discuss the pending ATB and abatement filings.

3. Bruce Morgan had a conversation with David Salinas regarding the abatement application for the Carleton-Willard property at 106 Old Billerica Rd. Mr. Salinas will provide further analysis and feedback on 8 June.

4. Town counsel has reviewed and offered minor edits for the proposed new guidelines for the Clause 18A Temporary Hardship Deferral. John Linz made a motion that the Bedford Board of Assessors guidelines that define Clause 18A Temporary Financial Hardship Property Tax Deferral be accepted as revised. Ron Cordes seconded the motion and pointed out the difference between the language in the guideline versus that in Mass General Laws on item 5d of the guidelines, resulting in inserting the word “financial” before the word “catastrophe” at the end of the sentence.

5. The Board discussed information related to the noise impact of Route 3 on certain property owners. Bruce Morgan was asked to have the DPW engineer move the buffer line on the map from 500 feet to 250 feet.

6. Signatures were completed as required.

Adjournment: Ron Cordes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Linz. There was no discussion on the motion and all members present voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Bruce Morgan, Associate Assessor

Approved by the BOA June 13, 2012

John Linz, Clerk